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For/Title: UTILIZATION OF A HIGHLY FLUORINATED OLIGOMERIC ALKANE IN  
OPHTHALMOLOGY (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX PCT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to an examination on the merits and calculation of any fees:

In the Title

Please amend the title as indicated in the substitute specification and marked-up copy of the specification. The title is being amended to correct a typographic error, *i.e.* changing [alkan] to read alkane, which resulted from the WIPO translation.

In the Specification

Please substitute the attached substitute specification for the specification originally filed. A marked-up copy of the specification showing changes is also attached. The substitute specification does not include any new matter.